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1988 Converse Centennial Classic

Participating Teams

Western Mustangs	Ottawa Gee Gees
Bishop's Gaiters	McGill Redmen
Guelph Gryphons	Queen's Golden Gaels
St. F.X. Men	Concordia Stingers

The 23rd edition of the Converse Centennial Tournament will take place October 28-30 at Concordia University. The Centennial tournament will be Doug Daigneault's first chance to assess the progress of the Stingers. All-Canadian Nick Arvanitis (6'5; Montreal) will lead the young Concordia team this season. Arvanitis, this year's captain, finished third in scoring and first in league rebounding last season. He will be aided by Conference Rookie of the year Dino Perin (6'8; Montreal) who averaged 14 points and 7.5 rebounds per game last year. The Stingers have added several outstanding rookies to their line-up. Dexter John (5'11; Montreal) and Allan Cox (5'10; Montreal) helped lead Dawson College to the National Championship last season. They will be joined by two-time College All-Canadian Leon Pierre; (6'6; Montreal), who has had an outstanding camp.

This year's tournament will feature several of Canada's top teams. The pre-tournament favourite would have to be the Western Mustangs. The Mustangs won the O.U.A.A. West Division last year and lost in the C.I.A.U. semi-finals to the eventual champion Brandon Bobcats. 1988 All-Canadian John Stiefelmeyer, who averaged 25.8 points per game, will be the player to watch on the Mustangs.

The Mustangs will face tough competition from the remainder of the field especially Queen's and St. F.X. The Golden Gaels will have forward Mike Scotten, who finished third in league scoring and rebounding last year. The X-men return 10 players from last year's squad. They are coached by the 1988 Assistant Olympic Team Coach, Steve Konchalski.

"This is going to be a good ball club," says Konchalski. "We don't have any superstars but we have lots of good players who want to win."

The Bishop's Gaiters will be a force to be reckoned with this year. They are led by Conference All-Stars David King and Pierre Tibblin. The McGill Redmen, who won the 1987 Centennial Championship, will look for leadership from returning Conference All-Stars Patrick Arsenault and David Steiner. The two remaining teams, Guelph and Ottawa are both unknown quantities. Ottawa has 8 first-year players on its roster, while Guelph failed to win a game in league play last year.